

The VVFC News Alert
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★ ★ ★ **DTaP, Td, and Varicella:**
Resuming Routine Schedules

DT

Pediatric DT will only be available as a special order vaccine (special order vaccines are listed at the bottom of the order form). Pediatric DT should only be used when the Pertussis vaccine component is contraindicated. You may phone in your order for DT when needed.

DTaP

Aventis now has two products available, Triptedia and DAPTACEL. DAPTACEL is approved for the 4-dose series at ages 2, 4, 6, and 17-20 months. Currently, VVFC has both Aventis products and the GlaxoSmithKline product, Infanrix, in stock ready for distribution. *Vaccine supplies are sufficient to return to the routine schedule as recommended by the ACIP.*

Hep B

VVFC will no longer be carrying GlaxoSmithKline's (GSK) Engerix B in syringes. However, both Merck's Recombivax, and GSK's Engerix B will still be available in vials.

Hib

Both Lederle's HibTiter and Merck's PedvaxHib remain in short supply. It is unknown when these shortages will be resolved.

Prevnar

Prevnar shortages continue and orders are limited to 25 doses unless otherwise authorized by VVFC. Facilities may re-order when necessary. *Virginia continues to follow the vaccine administration schedule by ACIP for use under moderate shortage conditions.*

Td

Vaccine supplies are sufficient to return to the routine schedule for Td as recommended by the ACIP.

Varicella

The Varicella backorder has been resolved! Because Varicella is shipped separately, it takes a few extra days for shipping. Please allow up to two weeks from the day of your order for receipt of Varicella. *Vaccine supplies are sufficient to return to the routine schedule as recommended by the ACIP.*

Manufacturer selections are based on federal contracts and vaccine availability. While every effort is made to honor your preferences, substitutions will need to be made. In the past, we have been notifying facilities by fax if a substitution is made. VVFC will no longer be offering this courtesy service. If your first brand choice is not available, VVFC will send the available brand without notification.



VVFC Awards

VVFC would like to recognize the following practices for their excellence:

VVFC Program Compliance:

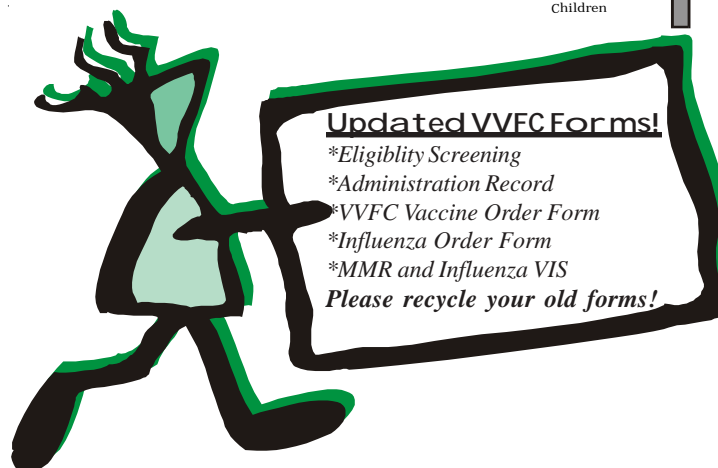
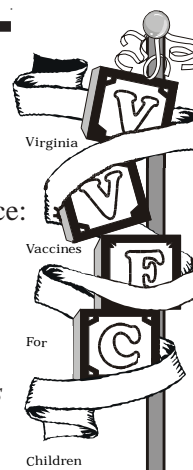
• *CMG - Pediatric Specialists, Norfolk*

Exceptional Immunization Rates:

• *Pediatric Primary Care, PC, Richmond*

• *Practice of Dr. Obrokta, Newport News*

(Practice rates exceed 90% using CASA software)



Updated VVFC Forms!

*Eligibility Screening

*Administration Record

*VVFC Vaccine Order Form

*Influenza Order Form

*MMR and Influenza VIS

Please recycle your old forms!

Influenza Vaccine Update!

It is that time of year again... Influenza season! VVFC will be taking advanced Influenza orders. Enclosed in this mailing you will find the VVFC Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Order Form. Determine your Influenza vaccine need for your VVFC high-risk patients for the entire season and fill out the order form. VVFC supplies Influenza vaccine only for those children who meet the high-risk requirements listed on the order form. VVFC requests that each practice only send one order form. All orders should be received before October 2, 2002. Vaccine shipments will begin when Influenza vaccine is received by our distributor. Practices may receive partial shipments throughout the season.

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Order Form Update! Please recycle old forms.